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SUBJ: CEASEFIRE AND POLITICAL SITREP MR I, X PLUS 106,
MAY 14, 1973

1. SECURITY SITUATION:

MILITARY ACTIVITY REMAINED AT A LOW LEVEL DURING THE THREE-DAY REPORTING PERIOD. THE PRESSURE IN THE FIRST DIVISION AO WEST AND NORTHWEST OF HUE APPEARS TO HAVE EASED SOMEWHAT AND INCIDENTS ARE NOW DISPERSED MORE EVENLY THROUGHOUT THE REGION, AS INDICATED BY THE FACT THAT GENERALLY MORE FRIENDLY ARTILLERY IS FIRED SOUTH OF THE HAI VAN PASS THAN NORTH. ONE STATISTIC, TOTAL KIAS, REACHED THE LOWEST FIGURE SINCE THE CEASEFIRE DURING THE 24 HOUR PERIOD REPORTED MAY 14. FOLLOWING ARE STATISTICS FOR THE THREE DAY PERIOD, BROKEN OUT ACCORDING TO THE DATE AT WHICH THEY ARE REPORTED AT THE I CORPS MORNING BRIEFINGS:

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MAY 12: TOTAL OF 16 VIOLATIONS (ALL ATTACKS BY FIRE, ABF' S), WITH A TOTAL OF 395 MORTAR ROUNDS. CASUALTIES WERE: FRIENDLY 5 KIA, 21 WIA; ENEMY 18 KIA. FRIENDLY ARTILLERY FIRED 1,421 ROUNDS; 648 NORTH OF THE HAI VAN PASS, 773 SOUTH.

MAY 13: VIOLATIONS ROSE TO 20, INCLUDING THREE GROUND ATTACKS, 14 ABF' S (10 ARTILLERY AND 243 MORTAR ROUNDS) AND THREE INCIDENTS OF TERRORISM AND HARRASSMENT. CASUALTIES WERE: FRIENDLY 12 KIA, 51 WIA; ENEMY 28 KIA, 3 CAPTURED. FRIENDLY ARTILLERY FIRED A TOTAL OF 1,956 ROUNDS; 914 NORTH OF THE HAI VAN PASS, 1,042 SOUTH.

MAY 14: VIOLATIONS DROPPED AGAIN TO 15 INCLUDING 12 ABFS, WITH 258 MORTAR ROUNDS AND THREE TERRORISM AND HARASSMENT INCIDENTS. CASUALTIES WERE: FRIENDLY 2 KIA, 25 WIA; ENEMY 8 KIA, 1 RETURNEE. FRIENDLY ARTILLERY FIRED A TOTAL OF 1,314 ROUNDS; 522 NORTH OF THE HAI VAN PASS, 792 SOUTH.

2. COMMUNIST MILITARY ACTIVITIES:

ARVN INTELLIGENCE REPORTED OVER THE WEEKEND CONTINUED ENEMY BUILD- UP IN THE WESTERN REGION. BECAUSE OF SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVED ENEMY TRIPLE A PROTECTION FOR THE DEVELOPING ROAD NET IN THE WEST, I CORPS HAS REQUESTED JGS TO PROVIDE EXPANDED AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY. ARVN INTELLIGENCE SUSPECTS A CONSTRUCTION LOCATION WITH SIGNIFICANTLY EXPANDED CLEARED AREA NORTH OF ALOUI OF BEING A NEW AIRFIELD OR POSSIBLY A NEW BASE AREA. ARVN INTELLIGENCE REPORTS SEVEN BULLDOZERS INVOLVED IN THIS EFFORT AND INCREASED TRIPLE A SIGHTED WEST OF ALOUI.

3. TRADE WITH THE ENEMY:

AREA DIRECTOR QUANG NGAI REPORTS THAT PART OF THE TRADE WITH THE VC IS CARRIED ON BY REGIONAL AND POPULAR FORCE PERSONNEL (RF/ PF), AS WELL AS BY PEOPLE IN THE CONTESTED AREAS WHERE THESE PERSONNEL ARE STATIONED. EITHER ON THEIR OWN INITIATIVE OR AS AN AGENT OF CIVILIAN TRADERS, THE RF/ PF APPEARS TO BE TAKING ADVANTAGE OF RESUPPLY TRIPS TO OUTPOSTS TO CARRY CONTRABAND COMMODITIES. BOTH TROOPS AND THEIR UNIT COMMANDERS INTIMIDATE THE POLICE AT CHECKPOINTS WHO ARE ATTEMPTING TO CONTROL THIS MILITARY TRAFFICKING.

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4. EXTORTION BY TERRITORIAL FORCES IN QUANG NGAI:

SOME TERRITORIAL FORCES IN QUANG NGAI ARE REPORTED TO BE ENGAGING IN EXTORTION AND INTIMIDATION. POPULAR FORCES PERSONNEL IN THE VICINITY OF QUANG NGAI CITY HAVE BEEN ACCUSED OF USING THE PRETENSE OF NIGHT TIME SECURITY CHECKS TO FORCE ENTRY

INTO PRIVATE HOMES IN ORDER TO DEMAND MONEY OR TAKE GOODS TO
BE SOLD. QUANG NGAI PROVINCE CHIEF, COLONEL NGO VAN LOI,
HAS SAID TO CONGEN AREA DIRECTOR THAT HE IS CONCERNED AND IS
TRYING TO STOP THESE ACTS.
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